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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph sections under the heading "Related Applications" with the following new paragraph sections:

Page 11, lines 16-17 to Page 12, lines 1-2

Please correct corresponding Figure (VI), when A is substituted with "C(O)", by replacing the chemical structure and paragraph on page 11, lines 16-17 to page 12, lines 1-2 of the specification with the following new paragraph:

- (B) for compounds in which A is C(O):
 - (i) reacting a compound of the formulaal (VI):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{1} & R^{"} \\
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R^{"} & R^{"} \\
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\end{array}$$
(VI)

wherein R^1 , R^2 , R'', R''' and n are as defined in formula (I), with any reactive functional groups protected, with an oxidizing agent; and thereafter removing any protecting groups and optionally forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.